

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

9. (Amended) A method for improving heat/humidity aging resistance of a flame retardant thermoplastic composition, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing an aromatic polycarbonate resin present at a level of from 60 to 90 percent by weight based on the total weight of the composition,
- (b) providing a vinyl aromatic-unsaturated nitrile-diene rubber graft copolymer present at a level of from 8 to 15 percent by weight based on the total weight of the composition,
- (c) providing a vinyl aromatic-unsaturated nitrile rigid resin present at a level of from 1 to 10 percent by weight based on the total weight of the composition,
- (d) providing a phosphate present at a level of from 3 to 15 percent by weight based on the total weight of the composition; and
- (e) providing a tetrafluoroethylene polymer present at a level of from 0.05 to 2.0 percent by weight based on the total weight of the composition, wherein said diene rubber of said graft copolymer is present at a level of from 6 to 12 percent by weight based on the total weight of the composition whereby said composition retains about 80% of the original Izod impact strength after one week aging at 63 °C at 100% relative humidity.

REMARKS

Antecedent Basis for Applicants' Amendment

The following is the antecedent basis for Applicants' phrase "retains about 80% of the original" occurs in the following sentence: "whereby said composition retains about 80% of the original Izod impact strength after one week aging at 63 °C at 100% relative humidity." The following is the antecedent basis for Applicants' phrase "Izod